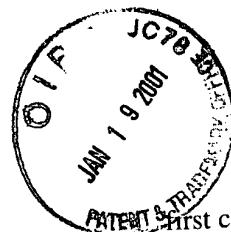


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Serial No.: 09/688,851) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: October 16, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1649
For: METHODS AND VECTORS FOR SITE-)
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed November 21, 2000, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of the declaration surcharge of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) for a non-small entity to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application.

- X Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

- X Properly signed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 identifying the application by the docket number and filing date.
- X If an extension or an additional extension of time is required, but is not enclosed, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and charge Deposit Account 13-4125 accordingly.
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Respectfully submitted,



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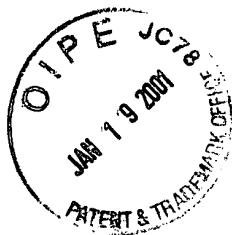


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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